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DEPARTMENT FOR OC/PE AND SY/FO

ACCRA FOR RCO

ABIDJAN FOR TSO

MONROVIA FOR ATO

NAIROBI FOR COMSPEC

E. O. 11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: AFAC ASEC ABLD AFSP
SUBJECT: BAMAKO-SHIELDED ENCLOSURE A/C RETROFIT

REFS: (A) ACCRA 5561, (B) BAMAKO 3240, (C) ACCRA 5488, (D) BAMAKO 3157

1. REGRET RCO ACCRA APPARENTLY STILL DOES NOT UNDERSTAND SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO LOCATION OF NEW BAMAKO CHILLER SYSTEM. IN ORDER TO AVOID FURTHER DELAY TO THIS VERY URGENT PROJECT, REQUEST DEPARTMENTS INSTRUCTIONS SOONEST TO ALL CONCERNED.

2. WE BELIEVE RCO'S PROPOSED LOCATION IS ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE
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RPT IMPOSSIBLE. THIS IS THE OPINION OF ALL CONCERNED JAO PERSONNEL (I.E., C&R, TCU, PSO, GSO AND JAO/DIR). IT IS ALSO, OBVIOUSLY, THE OPINION OF THE RSO/TSO, WHO RECOMMENDED NEW LOCATION.

3. FOLLOWING IS POINT BY POINT RESPONSE TO PARA 2, REF (A):

A. EXISTING CONCRETE PAD FOR CHILLER UNITS IS NOT RPT NOT SUFFICI-

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ENTLY LARGE TO ACCOMMODATE PRESENT CHILLER UNIT IN OPERATION WHILE NEW UNIT IS BEING INSTALLED. CONCRETE PAD IS 52 INCHES BY 147 INCHES. ONE HALF OF PRESENT UNIT REQUIRES 52 INCHES BY 87 INCHES FOR CONTINUOUS OPERATION DURING INSTALLATION. NEW UNIT IS 42 INCHES BY 83 INCHES AND OBVIOUSLY WILL NOT FIT ON PAD WITH EXISTING UNIT. IT IS NOT PRACTICAL TO INSTALL NEW UNIT AS PIECEMEAN (SEE SUB-PARA D BELOW).

B. WE COMPLETELY AGREE WITH THIS RCO POINT. HOWEVER, SINCE THERE IS NO ROOM ON EXISTING PAD FOR SIMULTANEOUS OPERATION, THIS POINT FURTHER SUPPORTS OUR INSISTENCE ON INSTALLATION OF NEW UNIT ON SECOND FLOOR ROOF AS OLD UNIT CONTINUES TO FUNCTION.

C. SUNROOF MUST BE DISASSEMBLED FOR RCO PROPOSED INSTALLATION 3 RD FLOOR ROOF BECAUSE THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT SPACE, MUCH LESS SUFFICIENT MANEUVER ROOM TO INSTALL NEW SYSTEM UNLESS SUNROOF IS REMOVED. HOWEVER, THE WHOLE QUESTION OF THE SUNROOF IS IRRELEVANT, SINCE THERE IS NOT ENOUGH ROOM ON THE PAD TO INSTALL NEW UNIT WHILE OLD UNIT CONTINUES TO RUN. OF COURSE, WE WILL INSTALL SAME SUNROOF OVER EQUIPMENT IN POST PROPOSED LOCATION.

D. PERHAPS NEW UNIT COULD BE INSTALLED PIECEMEAL. HOWEVER, WE CONSIDER THIS RUBE GOLDBERG SOLUTION TO BE UNFEASIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

(1) THE DISASSEMBLY AND REASSEMBLY TIME WOULD FURTHER DELAY THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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URGENT PROJECT.

(2) IF SYSTEM WAS DISASSEMBLED, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE REASSEMBLED ON A JURY-RIGGED BASIS. WHY GO THROUGH THIS HASSLE, WHEN NEW LOCATION WILL PERMIT ENTIRE UNIT TO BE PROPERLY INSTALLED IN ONE PIECE?

E. WE AGREE WITH RCO'S CONCERN THAT A NEW SITE SURVEY WOULD WASTE VALUABLE TIME. HOWEVER, WE SEE NO NEED FOR A NEW SURVEY SINCE THE LOWER ROOF AREA IS SMALLER AND BETTER SUPPORTED BY LOAD-BEARING WALLS, WHICH ARE CLOSER TOGETHER.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT GRANT ITS APPROVAL SOONEST FOR NEW LOCATION AND EXPEDITE SHIPMENT OF NEEDED PARTS.
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